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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Mobilization and Military Personnel Division  
SUBJECT : Tour of Duty - [REDACTED]

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25X1A 1. DPD is planning on the assignment of Air Force personnel to [REDACTED] for a three year tour.

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2. This Division realizes that physical location of [REDACTED] imposes, on personnel assigned there, conditions which are not found at normal Air Force assignments in the ZI.

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3. In cognizance of these conditions DPD is attempting to offer financial benefits which compensate personnel, at least in part, for assignment to a "hardship" post.

4. It should be emphasized that DPD cannot accept a shortened tour for personnel at [REDACTED]. Both from a security standpoint and from a technological standpoint a full three year tour is an absolute requirement. The security stand is that, in view of the extreme sensitivity of the work in which these personnel will be engaged, it is mandatory to keep the number of personnel exposed to an absolute minimum. From a technological standpoint the tasks to which most of the Air Force personnel will be put are unique modifications of their basic AFSC's. It will take them at least one year to become thoroughly familiar with the new equipment and techniques they will be required to use and therefore a shortened tour would not be in the best interests of either the Air Force or the Agency.

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5. Your concurrence in this view is hereby requested.

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